

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson William H. "Bill" King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Georgia Masterson, Humanity House, requested a support letter for the Humanity House so they can apply for a grant from Health Forward for the 4th year. It helps pay for the staff they do pay. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked and Georgia stated it pays for Tracey and that is it because Health Forward cut the grant last year. She stated it was \$40,000 for the first year and \$30,000 was all that was approved last year. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King's signature. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for chairs from Sam's for \$21.47 each; Amazon for \$25.55 each; and Lorell for \$26.02 each. Discussion followed as to which one would hold up the best. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Lorell for 60 chairs for Humboldt Senior Center to be paid for out of the Services to the Elderly fund. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented dust control bids. Only one bid was received from Scotwood Industries for Mag Chloride for \$1.170-gallon, 35% Calcium Chloride for \$1.490 gallon with 2 hours free spray time then \$85.00 per hour. Last year Mag Chloride cost was \$1.14 per gallon with 2 hours free then \$85.00 per hour and the cost to residents signed up for dust control was \$1.63 per foot. Mitch suggested the rate for residents for 2020 should be \$1.70 per foot. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase from Scotwood Industries and to charge \$1.70 per foot to the residents. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented bids for asphalt oil. Bids were received from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions for RS-1H for \$1.80, AEP for \$2.30, RS1M for \$1.90, RS1P for \$2.05, MC-800 no bid, pump charge of \$75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then \$88.00 per hour; Vance Brothers for RS-1H for \$1.90, AEP for \$2.22, RS1M for \$1.97, RS1P for \$2.10, MC-800 for \$2.77, no pump charge, demurrage 2 hours free then \$70.00 per hour; Asphalt & Fuel Supply for RS-1H no bid, AEP no bid, RS1M no bid, RS1P no bid, MC-800 for \$2.18, pump charge at \$75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then \$75.00 per hour; Coastal Energy for RS-1H for \$1.84, AEP for \$1.99, RS1M for \$2.14, RS1P for \$2.29, MC-800 for \$2.24, pump charge at \$75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then \$75.00 per hour; Wright Asphalt did not bid. Mitch discussed last year's cost. Mitch would like to get RS-1H from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions and Asphalt & Fuel for MC-800. Commissioner King explained the difference between the MC-800 and RS-1H. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the purchase of RS-1H from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions and MC-800 from Asphalt & Fuel Supply. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported there was a half inch of rain yesterday but the ground is already saturated so it is not soaking in. Roads are a mess. They are crushing rock as quickly as they can. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes discussed putting 1800 and Nebraska Rd. on a project list as well as the Landfill Road to the west that is wavy. He asked about putting the entire section on the list. Discussion followed on certain roads and how the correct way to redo roads would be. Mitch currently has them on the list.

Cole commented on the City of Humboldt's council vote chip and seal. They have a half cent sales tax collection of money and want to do about 40 blocks. Mitch stated they need to do the County's first before they can do the cities for them. The City of Humboldt will do the tearing up and they just need the county to spray MC-800 on the fixed roads a couple of time. Discussion followed. The City of Humboldt will be purchasing a new cold patch machine for \$72,000. Cole stated the city might be willing to work something out to work with the county to use it. Mitch stated other 3rd class cities are wanting chip and seal within their cities. Discussion followed. Moran and Gas chip and seal and LaHarpe wants their roads torn up and replaced.

Loren Korte and Matt Korte, PSI Insurance, presented quotes for insurance up about 8% due to General Liability, Professional Liability and Law Enforcement Liability. They are all up. Everything else is flat. Matt reviewed quote overview by each section.

Commissioners asked about the new ambulance buildings on this quote. Loren stated no ambulance buildings yet, will be once they are done; currently they are covered under builder's insurance.

Loren explained the difference between Property damage, and bodily injury. Professional liability for decision making and later causes a law suit, this protects the county and the commissioners (errors and omissions – Linebacker).

Matt explained the increases are State wide and that is the reason for some of the increases. Discussion followed.

PSI Insurance's quote for 2020 renewal is \$194,516, last years was \$182,596. Discussion followed.

Matt presented a couple of Cybersolutions bid for the commission. First is \$2,201.00 and second is \$886.00. Matt explained the difference of coverage on legal fall out. Matt said there is an in between amount he thinks is \$992.00 for \$100,000 coverage. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to renew 2020 policy with EMC for \$194,516.00 and add Cyber Security at the cost of \$992 for \$100,000 aggregate. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole discussed the Grocery Store in Humboldt. They have stopped the work. They have put in \$20,000 to \$40,000 of their own monies; they can't go any further until they have more funding. Cole explained the reason is due to the Kansas Food Initiative grant funding they applied for. Once the funding is approved, they will be back on par. He stated one problem is construction workers work on the inside in the winter but outside in the spring. Cole reported Murphy Tractor building is going up. Discussion followed. Construction completes about late August.

Terry updated the commission on the ambulance stations. He stated he visited with Dave Schultz; they are estimating April 20 for completion date at Humboldt. Terry stated they have done some of the work on the Moran station but will do more outside once it dries out. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels asked if the commissioners approve, could the Chamber of Humboldt and the City of Humboldt and Terry coordinate a Grand Opening for Humboldt's Ambulance Station. Commissioners approved. Cole stated they will be selling the building the current station once it is vacated.

Commissioners discussed a replacement to fill the vacated seat on the Public Building Commission due to the death of Ronald D. Moore. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Brett Heim's to serve an unexpired term on the Allen County Public Building Commission. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:51 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed funding request from LaHarpe City Days. Commissioner Symes moved to give LaHarpe City Day's committee for \$500.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 3/5/2020-\$263,739.44 & 3/9/2020-\$24,600.32
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bill King, Mike Hough, Bruce Symes
- c) Annual inventory – Services to the Elderly Van
- d) Annual Township Report – Logan Township
- e) Clerk's Journal Entry #10 & #11
- f) Abatements: RE Value 15,597, \$3030.10, Yr 2019
Gas Value 559, \$86.84, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until March 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner